GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REPLACEMENT OF AC COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Railways propose to replace AC coaches of trains in phased manner as reported in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated October 23, 2006:

(b): if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c): the life span of these coaches and the time by which all coaches are likely to be replaced?

Answer

MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir. There will be no premature replacement of AC caches as a result of Montreal Protocol.

(b): Railways have got about 4200 AC coaches at present. Out of these 780 AC coaches are having R-12 refrigerant. These coaches were manufactured before 1994. After 1994, Railways have already switched over to manufacturing AC coaches with environmental friendly refrigerant.

(c): R-12 refrigerant has to be phased out by 2010. About 300 coaches out of 780 would complete their service life by year 2010 and will be phased out in normal course. The balance 480 coaches shall be converted by year 2010 with environmental friendly gas. Work in this direction has already been taken up.